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"KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! KEEP EVERLASTINGLY AT IT!"



Sgt. Mike Cirullo, stationed in France, son of Frank of Bathtub Assembly.

Production Lag On The 10-Yard Line

The current fall in production of war equipment comes at a most inopportune time. In Normandy, in the western Pacific and elsewhere the tempo of the war is mounting to a climax. Much of the military strength that we have acquired in two and a half years is now being, or about to be, unleashed against the enemy. The supreme test is at hand. Yet in this crucial hour production of weapons on the home front is lagging.

Acting Secretary of War Patterson reports that production of war supplies fell eight percent below schedule in second quarter of 1944. War Manpower Chief McNutt says that industries whose products are absolutely essential to the armed forces are suffering a shortage of 200,000 men. The situation is comparable to that of a great football team which has pounded its way to its opponent's 10-yard line and then finds some of its players inclined to take it easy or even to quit and go home.

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Staff Sgt. McKay Awarded Air Medal

Staff Sgt. James A. McKay, a radio operator gunner aboard a U. S. bomber, has been awarded the Air Medal.

The text of the citations received by the parents follows:

"Sgt. McKay was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in operational flights totaling more than one hundred hours over enemy-held Burma.... in which he exhibited keen perception and appreciation of the importance of his assignments and relation to the combat crew as a member thereof. The execution of his assigned duties with coolness and courage under enemy fire is worthy of the best tradition of the Army Air Forces."

Sgt. McKay formerly worked in Block Annex.

I. C. W. No. 2 Continued as Bargaining Agent

Under the direction and supervision of the National Labor Relations Board an election by secret ballot was conducted among the employees of the Sprague Electric Company in the unit found appropriate by the Board, on Tuesday, August 22nd, 1944. The unit is composed of all employees of the Company's plants at North Adams, Massachusetts, including watchmen and sample department employees, but excluding engineering department employees, laboratory department employees, office and clerical employees, executives, foremen, assistant foremen, and all other supervisory employees with authority to hire, promote, discharge, discipline, or otherwise affect changes in the status of employees or effectively recommend such action.

The polls closed at 6:45 P.M. Shortly thereafter the ballots were counted by Government officials acting as agents for the National Labor Relations Board. The election resulted in the continuance of Independent Condensers Workers Union No. 2 as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the appropriate unit of the employees of the Company. The vote was as follows:

I.C.W. No. 2 - 1312
C.I.O. - 911
Neither - 81

Radio Log to Broadcast Three Times A Week

Beginning in September, the Sprague Radio Log will be on the air three times a week, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon at 5:15. This series will be quite different from the current program now in effect. Watch for details to be outlined in the September Log.

Block Test Stars In Aug. 29th Feature Program

As a final climax to the present series of radio broadcasts, the Block Test department gives a party on the air to one of its members who expects to join the WAC's — Arlene Chalifoux. Miss Chalifoux has wanted to become a WAC for a very long time — and was prevented by the mere matter of age. In September, she will be old enough. Other Block Test participants on the air are Foreman Frank Manns, assisting as Master of Ceremony; Emily Koczela as hostess; Helen Lesure and Barbara King as soloists, and returned servicemen, Harry Arbour and Albert Vareschi.

Featuring Lopardo Brother-Sister Act

The audience of Sprague Radio Log was delighted to see the brother-sister Lopardo team in action on the August 22nd program. Gloria Lopardo of the Selkar department played Debussy's "Clair de Lune" with great feeling and finesse. Her brother Mario won favor with his two well-chosen songs for baritone voice. Our Master of Ceremonies, Larry Madison, joined with Mario in an arrangement of "Old Folks at Home", as an encore number.

Succumbs To Shrapnel Wounds



John Mancuso

Chaplain Lynde E. May Writes to Family

John Mancuso paid the supreme sacrifice for his country on July 11, 1944. As a machinist aboard a minesweeper in the Mediterranean, he was doing a fine job when enemy shrapnel inflicted severe wounds in the center of his chest on June 10th. He was removed to a hospital in Italy, and operated on. His condition was improved for a short time, but complications developed which resulted in his death. Knowing how anxious his family would be, he had his nurse write letters for him, telling of his

seeming progress to recovery.

John was one of the boys you liked to have around — a real swell fellow, and those who worked, played and lived with him remember him as a fine young American. Working in the Tubular Assembly department at Sprague's, he answered the call to the colors in January, as soon as he was of age. Receiving his basic training he was assigned to his ship on which he served for just seven weeks. He worked hard and the Commanding Officer of his vessel said that John was soon to receive a rating — so well did he learn, and perform his duties.

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Thank You Letters For "His Service Record"

Many letters of sincere appreciation have been received by the Sprague organization from relatives of our men and women in service, upon receipt of the booklet, "His Service Record." We publish two from the many received.

1530 Mass. Ave.
North Adams, Mass.
August 16, 1944
Sprague Electric Co.
North Adams, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Your gift "His Service Record" was received yesterday. This was a very pleasant surprise. I want to thank you on behalf of my husband, Milford F. Jennings, and myself.

It will greatly facilitate keeping a complete record of important war events both here at home and abroad and shows your great interest in 'your' boys even though they are far away from your organization now. This is truly another "Sprague Scoop".

Thanking you again for this and past favors to my husband, I am

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) Claire M. Jennings

Sprague Electric Company:

I wish to thank you for the interest you have shown in my husband Charles Brazeau. We appreciate very much the book "His Service Record." We shall always treasure it and will never forget where it came from. Thank you again.

Private and Mrs. Charles Brazeau
21 North Church Street
City

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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VICTORY IN SIGHT

WITH VICTORY IN SIGHT -- The champion team never slows down. With Victory in sight, the runner out in front never looks back, but doubles his speed. With Victory in sight, our men overseas are not going to let slip a single opportunity to gain ground, capture and destroy the enemy, and finally overcome him. With Victory in sight, let us here highly resolve to keep up the good work -- KEEP EVERLASTINGLY AT IT . . . working together for VICTORY.

Chaplain Lynde E. May Writes Details of Burial

(Continued from page 1)

Members of the Sprague organization extend heartfelt sympathy to John's mother, Mrs. Mary Mancuso, to his sisters, Mary Rose in High School, and to Helen employed in the Dry Test department. A letter from Chaplain Lynde E. May tells of the military honors accorded John Mancuso.

Buried with Full Military Honors

Italy, Aug. 5, 1944

My dear Mrs. Mancuso:

By now you have received word from the War Department that your son John has given his life for his country. As his Chaplain, I want to say that John was a good Christian American sailor to the very end. All his officers and shipmates have offered up their prayers for him that he might be granted "an entrance into the land of light and joy in the Eternal Presence" and also for you that you might know the "courage, strength and peace of God which passeth all understanding" that you must need so badly in these days of readjustment.

John was buried with full military

honors. A firing squad of his own mates fired a salute of three volleys and taps was sounded after the benediction. The service was simple with psalm No. 130, a lesson from Scripture Romans 8: 14-39 followed by prayers. The Sunday following a beautiful floral wreath was placed on his grave with a simple prayer for him.

I can't tell you more now about John's death or place of burial; but the day may dawn when I can tell you more. John did not suffer but died quickly and quietly. He was respected and loved by all who knew him and all mourn his passing — officers and men alike.

My blessings upon you. May God guide, encourage and support you in His love and peace.

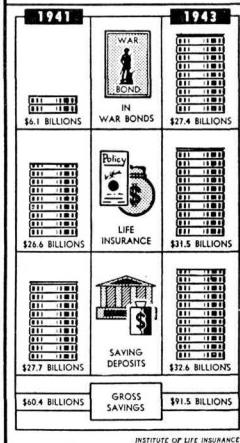
Faithfully and sincerely,
Lynde E. May III
Chaplain, U.S.N.R.

Besides his family in North Adams, he has another brother, Joseph, in service for 27 months aboard a destroyer in the Pacific. This destroyer is now operating in the Atlantic and the Mancuso family have not heard from Joseph for over a month.

Welcome to Our Sales Engineers

A cordial welcome is extended to Mr. Robert Peters and Mr. Louis Shuey, who have recently joined our Sales Engineering force, assisting Mr. Harry Rice. Mr. Peters was formerly with the Lafayette Radio Corporation of Chicago, and Mr. Shuey with the Federal Telephone and Telegraph Company at Newark, N. J. but claims Verona, N. J. as his home town.

U. S. SAVINGS UP 31 BILLIONS SINCE 1941



Log Staff Meeting Planned For September 7

The entire Log staff of editors and reporters are asked to save the date of September seventh for an evening business meeting at which time an out-of-town speaker will address the group. Plans for the fall and winter months will be taken up, and suggestions for improvement of the Log will be received.

Light collation and refreshments will be served. Each member of the Log staff may bring one guest. The Radio Log staff will supply musical entertainment. The evening should prove both instructive and enjoyable. All the Log staff is urged to be on hand.

The Shipping Department Goes Fishing

By Joey Crescimbeni

I want to tell you of a fishing trip which aroused the anger of five of our workers. I am sure you will enjoy this story as it could happen to your son or husband. This story is true and may be verified by those taking part in the escapade. In the group were: Pat Davis, my foreman, George Bombardier, my supervisor, John "Jockey" Merrigan, Joey "Squirrel", Crescimbeni, and Thomas "Gestapo" Ferrara, shipping clerks.

After a long, hard day, we decided to go fishing. It was August 9, and our place of "getting the big ones" was selected as South Pond which lies beyond the Trail.

Anxiety, laughter, and singing became part of our life, that night. We arrived there about 7:30 p.m. We dove for our tackle and ran to the shore. There already lay thousands of cubic feet of water. So this was South Pond! What an enormous place! Someone suggested that we hire the boat which was anchored to a pier some 75 feet away. Upon asking an elderly woman who greeted us with a friendly "Hello", and a barrage of questions, we obtained the key and got the boat.

The good news "I got one", flew across the water as George and John had each caught a fish. Pat was fishing off a rock with no success. After some discussion, the boat was left to the three boys. Seeing that Tom liked to row, he had the job of rowing.

Thirty minutes of tedious fishing and no bites. We went to the opposite

shore. Once more we cast off. We pondered and wished that some hungry fish would come by. Suddenly the boat gave a big lurch. It seemed that Tom, who was up in front, liked to jump around in the boat. One time he almost put his foot through the bottom. The bottom of our fishing craft was covered with about two inches of water. Our shoes received a good test whether they were water-proof or not. (They weren't.) During this excitement we still did not get a bite.

Another hour drifted by, and the only bite we got was a lonesome mosquito who had lost its way. Everyone was getting tired. No bites — No fish — No Nothing. I took out my fishing manual and turned to page eleven which was, "Fishing At Night." Under the power of my Eveready Batteries I read up on fishing. I followed the directions and with renewed hope I recast. The book was wrong. Still no bites. The book also said that fishing would be fair that night. Fair — it was lousy. We headed for port.

WHAT IS SAFETY?

Safety is the difference between a smile and a tear. It's that certain something that comes through, just before a sure accident happens. It prevents pain, heartache, and misery, yet only you, the worker, can own it.

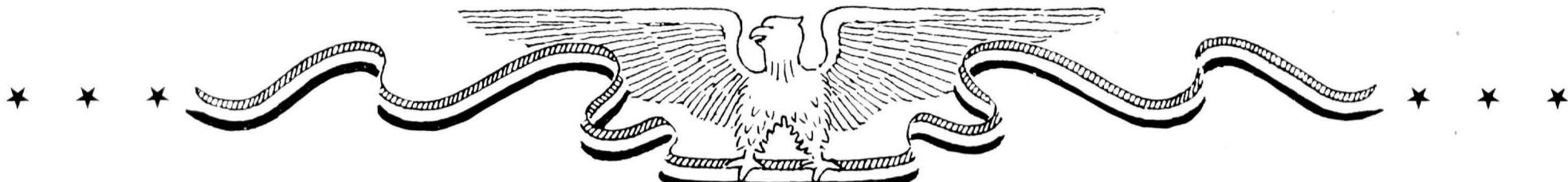
If you possess Logic and Love -- Logic in studying and doing a job right, and Love for home and your fellowman, you can't help but become a Safe worker. Before performing a job, be sure you know what you are doing, and that you are properly protected.

Electronics to Conserve TIRES!!

Major tire repairs are now being made in 10 minutes in combat zones by employing an electronic vulcanizer which applies "internal heat" to make spot and sectional cures, effecting repairs on any size tire. This repair device, consisting of a press ram equipped with an electrode coupled to a high-frequency generator, is expected to increase service life of postwar tires to 100,000 miles.



—From the June "Banking"



★ ★ Letters and News from the Armed Forces ★ ★



Edwin Shays, brother of Marguerite Shays of Dry Test. Edwin is on his way overseas.

Proud of Folks Back Home

Dear Sprague Co-Workers:

Here we are, all stationed together, and we look forward every month to receiving the Sprague Log.

We are very proud of the work that you folks are putting out back home. With what they are doing and producing, we can't lose this war. We often wonder if our army radios contain "Sprague Condensers".

We will close now, hoping to receive the Sprague Log soon.

Yours truly,

Pvt. Nicola Costa
Pvt. William Walden
Pvt. Edward McKenna



Dalmon Chilson, S2-c, now stationed at New Orleans.

Dear Miss Owen:

Just a line to thank you for the Log. Today, I received three. You would be surprised to know how much they help, especially way over here in Italy. Please keep sending them.

Walter O'Neill

Good News About Ray Cutler

Raymond Cutler who was reported seriously wounded in Italy some time back, has improved sufficiently to write his mother, Mrs. Margaret Cutler, that he is making excellent progress to recovery.

Wins Good Conduct Medal

Sgt. James Carey, cryptographer, has been awarded the Good Conduct medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity". Sgt. Carey is a member of a veteran B-24 Liberator bomb group which made many attacks on enemy aircraft factories and other strategic targets in Romania, Austria, Germany and France.

Sanecki on New Assignment

Friday, August 5, 1944

Hi Jack,
I guess it's about time I wrote to you again to let you know that I'm still living and that I am in the best of health.

When I got back from overseas in April I found the Log waiting for me and was very happy to receive it as it helped me to keep track of my friends and fellow workers who are now in the service or still working at the shop. I have been transferred from my ship to the District Coast Guard Office at 42 Broadway, N. Y. and am now doing work that I can not discuss. I can say though that it is very interesting. I don't know how long I am going to stay here, but I am ready to go back aboard ship anytime they want me.

I miss the old gang very much and am just praying that this mess will soon be over with. It looks very good now and maybe soon we will all be back.

We, the boys and girls in the service are very proud of Sprague's as we know you all are doing your share and even more. The Award of the Navy E's and the Congratulations from the War Department show that Sprague's is producing and that's what counts.

Please say hello to my friends in the Boxing and Resistor Department for me and I am looking forward to seeing them again very much. So, good luck and God bless you.

Kazz Sanecki

Where They Are

Seaman 1-c Peter Cardillo has completed training as an aviation machinist mate at Memphis, Tenn.

Pvt. Lillian A. Russett ends her boot training in the Marine Corps. She is stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C. She will be sent to an assembly and repair department at Cherry Point, N. C.

Pvt. Frank Santelli has arrived in England, according to recent reports.

Mary Coody will enter the WAVES, with training at Hunter College on August 24th.

M'Ewan Wins Commission

Second Lt. Edw. D. MacEwan received his wings and commission as a bombardier-navigator in the Army air forces.

Reunited

Storekeeper Robert J. Millis saw his brother, James Millis, S. 2-c for the first time in two years, when they were home on furlough recently. Both boys were granted leaves following the invasion of France.



Pvt. Daisy Dabrowski, M.C.W.R., formerly of the Gas Mask Department.

Awarded Medal for Gallantry, and Purple Heart

Eddie Farinon, whose picture appeared on the front page of the Log, last issue, enroute to the invasion coast of France has been wounded, according to letters received by his mother, and his sister Mamie. He has been awarded the Purple Heart and received a medal for gallantry in action.

Correction

You probably wondered how the truck in which Harold Chilson drove 400,000 miles in Italy, accomplished such a feat. It wasn't the rarified atmosphere, but the fact that our copy omitted the word *battalion*. The men of this truck battalion had driven over 400,000 miles. Sorry!

Tatro Hears from Sons

Leo Tatro, guard, has received word of the whereabouts of one son, and the promotion of another. Norman, overseas since March 1943 has been promoted from corporal to sergeant in Hawaii, and Raymond, enlisted in August 1943, and on active duty in the South Pacific is now stationed on Saipan.



Ray Bourdon, MM2-c, stationed at Point Hureme, Calif. He is the brother of Elaine of Dry Test.



Laliberte Wins Silver Star

Cited for Bravery and Leadership on Two Occasions

Capt. Lawrence Laliberte who is second in command of a fighting battalion in France, was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. The text of the citation states: "On

July 4, 1944, Capt. Lawrence Laliberte then in command of a heavy weapons company, by skillful planning, caused his company to efficiently support the attack of the battalion on extremely difficult terrain....With utter disregard for his personal safety, and under heavy enemy fire, crawled to one of the frontline rifle companies which had been held up and disorganized because of strong opposition, and by his outstanding leadership and personal example, succeeded in reorganizing the company in time to successfully repel a strong counter-attack which resulted in heavy losses to the enemy and the saving of many lives of our own forces." Again, on July 9, Capt. Laliberte's own aggressiveness was the inspiration to all men in the battalion, which accomplished its mission against strong enemy forces.

The Silver Star is one of the United States' highest ranking citations, and was awarded Capt. Laliberte by the commanding general of his division. Laliberte was formerly employed as check inspector at Sprague Electric Company.



S 2-c Harold Formhals of the Seabees, stationed at Camp Carls, Calif. Brother of Vera of Boxing Department.

Dear Editor:

Three weeks ago, I arrived in England—it is a very nice country, but the good old United States can't be beat.

I received the issue of the Victory Log today dated July 1st. I enjoy it very much—it brings happiness, news of the shop, and on the home front. I wish the workers of Sprague's the best of luck—you are all doing a good job, the war is well on its way to an end, and I know all the girls are waiting for their husbands and sweethearts to return home—and it will be with Victory!

Thank you so much for the Log,
Sincerely,
Pfc. Edward Chrzanowski



Pvt. Richard McKeon and Robert McKeon, S1-c, sons of Dorothy of Wire Coating Dept.

Date Russians Soon

Dear Friends:

How's the old place of work these days? It's pretty hot here. Looks like the Russians aim to meet us on the other side of Paris, the way they are pushing Jerry home. Sometimes, I wonder if I'll have my old job back. Give my regards to Miss Owen, Fred Windover, Jack Washburn and Tom Rodel.

So long,
Jim Dillon

Three Local Boys Together

A photograph received recently in North Adams, shows Corp. Alf Girgenti, Donald M. Brooks and Pfc. Robert Dube with an American unit. All three hold the Good Conduct Medal, and Dube holds a certificate of merit for driving one year in the Army without a single accident.

Dear Mr. Washburn:

I received your letter and was very grateful. I thank you for your kind generosity. The navy life is not too bad when you get used to it, but I sure miss the family.

Aldor Cardinal

MORE BATHING BEAUTIES

Rita Siciliano of the Training Center, Marshall Street.



Esther Perrault from Block Annex.

MARSHALL MUSIC

The Marshall Street Laboratory welcomes:

Mr. Victor Obenhaus, our lanky Texan, associated with Dr. Burnham; Dr. Croom Beatty III, our genial addition to Dr. Brook's laboratory and to the noontime bridge club; Wm. Harrington, now working with us full time; Mary Fitzgerald and Roslyn Kramer, with us during the summer, and Jane Donovan a recent addition to the staff.

We are glad to announce that Paul Swartz has been made foreman of the Maintenance Department at Marshall Street.

Selkar Department

By R. Pasotti and T. Burdick

Lila Beaudette spent her vacation at E. Jaffrey, N. H.

Geraldine Giusti went to Springfield, Mass., for her vacation.

He is home at last! And Wanda Pizzi is taking advantage of that furlough. Enjoy it, Wanda, you deserve it!

Janet Martin has returned from her vacation in New York City.

We are sorry to hear our supervisor, Valesca Gallagher is leaving us, even though it is for a good cause. Good luck on your new job, Val. While your stay was short and sweet, we will miss you a lot.

Training Center

By Rita Siciliano

Doris Canedy is a constant shopper these days for Kleenex. Poor Doris is having her troubles with hay fever. Those "a-choos" certainly keep everyone on the jump.

Charlotte Atwell a trainee, here at the Center, was operated on recently for an appendectomy. Everyone wishes you a speedy recovery, Charlotte. We thought it was bad enough when the "Lab" was using the D.C., but now it's worse, Sid is using it too. So-long peace and quiet.

Who is that making tiny lightning but no thunder?

Sh-sh, it's the three new check inspectors in the dept. next to ours. Welcome to Marshall Street.

"Al", says it isn't because of his age that he has grey hair. It seems that he was frightened. When, where, or how is Al's secret.

No one knows of our "Lorenzo Jones", in the Model Room, it is none other than Mr. Al Hamer. Now you have made the Log, "Al".



Western Electric

By Emma Alongi

Pauline Bazinet spent an exciting week in New York, where she saw and heard: Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians, the Rockettes, Tommy Tucker, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and a play in which John Boles and Mary Martin were featured.

Lottie Wysocki spent a restful week in Cheshire at her country home, and Minnie Stay has returned from Old Orchard Beach with a beautiful coat of tan.

Mae Beaubien recently spent a week at Rowe, Mass. Mae tells us about all the fish she caught—what about those that got away!

Alice Mulvaney spent a week at Hampton Beach, Vickie Yeargin vacationed at Utica, N. Y., while Nathalie Serre, Rose Lampiasi and Leona Walczak all enjoyed vacations resting at home.

We are happy to have Alice Maselli back with us again.

The Department welcomes Elsie LaPlante and Beatrice Faustini.

Seaman 2-c Aime Thibert, husband of Emma, was home on a seven-day furlough, and also paid this Department a visit. Our best wishes to you, Aime.

A mystery still to be solved—who hid Norma's shoes for one whole afternoon? She had an awful time trying to walk in cardboard boxes!

Best wishes to Peg Thompson. Hope you'll be with us soon.

Kate Marianni is now teaching diving lessons—anyone interested may see Kate.

Can Shop

By Lena Zappula

WHO was the person in the C.S. who bought a fishing license and caught fish with everybody else' equipment? WHO - is the new clerk in the C.S.? Oh, it's Lena back from Old Orchard—gee, for a minute you couldn't recognize her with that tan.

Lu and Claire had quite a time at Hampton Beach. I hear Bette went also, but was called home because of a certain Marine arriving unexpectedly.

I hope the epidemic of teeth pulling doesn't become contagious in this Department, since quite a number have been painlessly (?) relieved of their teeth!

I'd like to compliment the Machine Shop on the cleanliness of their Department.

Signal Lights

By B. Reopell and M. Robare

You are cordially invited to join us in the S. C. Office and enjoy that swell new fan we have which keeps us cool these sultry days.

This week we said "so long" to Mrs. Alice Robb who was transferred after being with us for three weeks.

Raymond Burchard, although still with this office, is now living in Pittsburgh.

John Mattimore has replaced Charles Hallinan at the Brown Street plant. Now Deeb Solomon can have the front seat in the Sprague Packard!!

How'd you enjoy your vacation in Boston, Phyl?

And, Freda, have a good time at the beach?

Art Keens is currently sporting a service emblem, awarded for six months service with the Signal Corps.

Has anyone seen Florence Skowronski around town with her Tony?

Mrs. Mary Damp is being visited by her son who is covering the surrounding countryside on his bike.

It won't be long now before Mr. Schwartz and Pvt. Carlson return from their respective business trips.

Mystery of the Month

May we present our super-sleuth—Mr. J. L. Mattimore. He specializes in trapping would-be thieves. For instance, on the night of August 16, he spied a suspicious looking individual who was forcing an entrance into a store, and put in a hurried telephone call to 252. Immediately, up comes a car full of officers, carrying plenty of hardware. What was their disgust, and Mr. M's embarrassment to discover that the culprit-to-be was the proprietor of the store!

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Paper Rolling

By M. Lamberti

WHO in Paper Rolling has been nicknamed "Fitl"?

Lois Deming has left us to join the Cadet Nurses. She is training at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. Best of luck to you, Lois.

Altie Jillson has left us to return to school.

Frances Dary and Blanche Fanning are leaving to go to school in Springfield.

Vacations Spent at Home: Jessie Farley, Molly Scerbo, Mary Vallazza and Jeanette Roy.

New York Vacations: Gloria Libardi, Theresa Lavigne.

Carmella Tassone and family spent their vacation at Myrtle Beach, Conn.

Rita Lepera spent her vacation at Lake George; Auriella Grogan at Nantasket Beach; Leah Sullivan in Detroit visiting friends and relatives.

Victoria Phaneuf is lucky, spending her vacation in Canada.

Roma Sacco celebrated her fourth wedding anniversary on August 17th. She was presented a bouquet of flowers by her co-workers. Roma's husband, Ralph is stationed in Mississippi.

Night Shift

Martha Wittig and Claire Anderson spent their vacations together at Newport, R. I.

Martha Wittig is wearing a beautiful diamond, which she received from her fiance Ulric Ouellette.

Doris Fountain and Evelyn Sheehan took Sara Laversa, Lucy Ciampa and Olympia Dionne swimming the other day. The girls tell of the hike they had. It took ages to get there and by then their feet were so sore and they were so tired they didn't care whether they had a swim or not.

SPORTS COLUMN . . .

by Bullett, Carpenter and Russell

American League Pennant Race

The American League Pennant race continues to puzzle all experts and critics.

The St. Louis Browns, the club who was supposed to crack on their current eastern invasion, have taken 3 out of 4 series from the eastern rivals, while the Boston Red Sox have had a tough time hanging on to second place.

Steve O'Neill's surging Tigers paced by Dizzy Trout and Hal Newhouser, both of whom have won twenty games — are now being seriously mentioned as the club to watch.

The one time powerhouse of the American League, the Yankees, are safely entrenched in fourth place and no one figures they will better themselves.

Fanning the Breeze in Softball Circles

Toots Bergeron, veteran Electric shortstop is in the throes of his worst

batting slump of his career. In the last fourteen trips to the plate, he has garnered only one hit — and he also was struck out by Joe Lipa of the Marshall's, first time in four years... Less' Market and Berkshire Spinners went on a hitting spree in their recent games — three homers were hit and a total of thirty hits were made by the two teams... Topsy O'Neill will be lost to the Sprague Products until the playoffs, because of a severe split finger incurred while warming up prior to the start of the Marshall A.C. game... Butch Kolis hung up another shutout against the slipping Marshall A.C.

Hats Off Department

A new feature in our column: This week we "tip the topper" to the Northern Berkshire Softball League umpires who have been calling them in real major league fashion.

Payroll Office

By Priscilla Windover

The week of August 17, Mildred Waterhouse spent a few days in New York with her husband, Sgt. Lyndon Waterhouse.

Ida Lovett and her husband Harry, of Brown Street, spent that same week in Hartford and New York.

Tubular Assembly

By Eleanor Stay

We are glad to see Irene Gagne back with us.

Leaving us in October is Phyllis Lemoine, when she will join the WAVES. We wish you the best of luck,—and will miss your cheery smiles.

A weekend home. Who? Romeo Gagne. Romeo, who is stationed at Newport, R. I. is looking fine.

The department extends best wishes to Eileen O'Brien Bedard, our recent bride.

On Vacation: Hazel Belisle, who is spending her vacation with her husband in service; Eleanor Falco is spending hers with relatives in New York.

Leaving us — Doris Netherwood. We shall miss you, Doris.



COOL AND REFRESHING

Florida Lime Sparkle

1½ cups Florida lime juice

½ cup sugar

Ice

1 quart charged water

Florida lime wedges

Combine Florida lime juice and sugar; shake or stir well with ice until very cold and frosty. Add charged water; mix well. Serve with Florida lime wedges. Serves 6.

Ginger Lime Rickey: Follow recipe for Florida Lime Sparkle substituting ginger ale for charged water.

Florida Lime Frost

½ cup Florida lime juice

4 cups cold water

2 egg whites

¼ cup sugar

Combine Florida lime juice and water; chill. Beat egg whites stiff gradually add sugar beating constantly. Slowly add Florida lime juice mixture, stirring constantly. Pour into tall glasses over ice. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

Production Scheduling

By Alice, Irv, and Lydia

At last Production Control has another man in their midst. We welcome "Pop" Barrows, Mert and Flossie can relax — no more lifting out windows and putting them back in — other methods of reducing will have to be invented.

Please do not question "Gloria" Root's authorizations — after all, remember she has been here ten years.

Maggie Beaupre has returned from a two weeks' vacation in Salem, Mass. No sorrows, no regrets, no heartaches, no Men. "C'est La Guerre." Margaret.

Our society matron, Mary Mathews is back after spending a week's vacation at Hampton Beach.

"Pistol Packin' Mamma" Southgate trundled off to a dude ranch in the Adirondacks. Oh, to be a cowboy, Oh!

Honored

Mrs. Lydia Camadine was honored at a dinner party at Petey Dink's. Alice Gomeau was the gracious hostess — per usual. Thirty-seven beautiful women, ladies, and young girls were present. Lydia was spared making a speech by the screams of Lillian Clermont. Exhibition dances were given by Priscilla Windover, Marcella Blouin, Kay Bellows and Lucille Corey. Ice water was served by Mrs. Graves to ladies on the porch. The bartender was astonished by the "bar flies" drinking cokes and ginger ale. Lydia was presented with seeds of gifts — Oh to have Vic home so we could use them before the moths get first chance!

"Porky" Davis' secret to his hour-glass shape: J. C. Penney's sale on two-way stretches.

Ralph Blanchard went to New London, Conn., and neighboring beaches for his vacation.

The latest political news is brought to our Round Table Discussions each noon by R. Mahar, O. Carter, N. Chenail, H. Carney and R. Blanchard.

Mary Rose Lustier and Genevieve Spila are spending vacations at home, resting up after a year's hard work.

From the Planning and Equipment Department

Since the mirth emanating from the Planning and Equipment Dept. seems to be a subject of speculation in the Factory Engineering Dept., may we hasten to assure them that it is simply a matter of prevailing good spirits. Better smiles than frowns! !



Miss Annice Roy of the Resistor department became the bride of Sgt. Russell Trombley on August 19.

Miss Marjorie Tavernia was married to Gerald E. Cole. Marjorie was employed in Mica department.

Miss Eileen O'Brien of Tubular Assembly, was married to Leonard Bedard, August 16.

Miss Catherine Green of Paper Rotting became the bride of Staff Sgt. John Andrews on August 19.



A daughter, born August 14, to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Smith. John is with K.V.A.

Block Test

By Barbara King

Vacation Time: Harry Carpenter and his pal "Toots" Bergeron spent their vacation at Hampton Beach, with visits to Salisbury and Boston.

Helen Harrington was missed when she vacationed with her daughters, Joyce and Constance at St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Bessie Sharron and family went camping for a week at Cheshire.

Yes, I guess the most popular place for a vacation is Hampton Beach. Arlene Chalifoux just returned from swimming and relaxing there, as have Caroline Solaci and Jean Desautels.

Those who were patriotic and preferred vacations at home were Gertrude Burr who spent her vacation convalescing from a wrenched hip.... Grace Collins entertained company at home from Montreal, Canada.... Henry Menczywore gave his house a new coat of paint.

Welcome back, Dorothy Sweeney. You make us envious, telling about your week at camp and the trip to Springfield—and that wonderful ride on the roller coaster.

Anna Malloy visited Spofford Lake during her vacation.



Sandra Nazzewski's cousin, Wm. Koczwaski formerly worked at Brown Street, now serves in the Pacific war zone. Sandra's daddy is Zig of the Plating Dept., her mother is Faith, formerly of the Sample Dept.

Bathtub Assembly

By Thelma Boulterice

Vacations: Eleanor Charbonneau in Boston, Mass.; Ruth Haskins at Lake Shaftsbury, Vt., with her husband who is home on leave after overseas duty! Rose Ferrara—New York and Old Orchard.

Mary Mancuso—Washington, D. C., Mary Unis—Poughkeepsie and New Platz, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scarbo—camping at Plainfield.

Olive Blake—Worcester, Mass.

Jessie Meczywore—Hackensack, N. J., Nellie Sprague—vacationing at home.

Norma Urbano, Ida Grenier, Helen Abbott and Mrs. Rose Grenier vacationing in Canada. What's the matter, girls—forget your ration books?

We of the Department extend our deepest sympathy to Celia and Eunice Charbonneau on the loss of their two sailor sons and brothers.

What would happen to B.T.A. if:

Eunice—forget to howl

Marion—got a package of matches

Jessie—got lockjaw

Dotty—didn't have a thing to say

Ann—found her man with a mouse-tache

Stacia—forgot to clown

Millie and Pat—got married

Fran—forgot to argue

Mary B.—lost her speech

Barbara—Said "yes"

Ida—got plenty of sleep

Helen—got all the gas she wanted

Beaver Street Brides

By Barbara King

ALASKAN MARRIAGE



Lt. Floyd Lesure, formerly of Sprague's, was married at Anchorage, Alaska to Lt. Ruth Oleson, A.N.C. from South Dakota. The young couple are residing at Anchorage. Floyd's sister, Helen, is in Block Test.

Resistor Navy Line

By Bertha Salavantis

Pat Shaw spent her vacation at Lake Champlain, but the way she has been yawning these days, we think she needs another one.

Rita Tassone is enjoying her vacation this week.

Arthur Fallon spent his vacation in Boston. The train was pretty crowded wasn't it, Art?

Claire Provencher is spending her vacation at home catching up on some much needed sleep.

What newly appointed supervisor came to work, the day following his promotion, with white shoes and a new belt. What, no tie, Art?

Someone had better tie a rope around Fran Falvey when he takes the windows out for the girls, or North Adams will be minus a veteran tennis player one of these mornings.

After spending two weeks at his Lodge in Chestnut, Ohio, Raymond Shields returned sporting an Irish Duck Hound. Ray is a veteran Duck hunter. He has named his hound "Irish Gravy." (Sounds good, Ray)

Mathew Brady spent his vacation in Boston. You must have had a good time, Casey, or didn't you have a hat when you came in? Boy, are we in for some tall stories, now.

Yours truly wishes to thank Francis Falvey for the beautiful flowers he sent while she was ill. If I didn't have hay fever before, I'll certainly get it now, Fran.

Wire Coating

By Betty Jangrow

Helen Foote still has that far away look in her eyes after a week-end in New York City with her husband.

Our friend and boss, Laurence Haskins, has also been vacationing, and came back brown and rested looking in.

Ruth Stratton and Rhena Gamari celebrated their first wedding anniversary the same week.

We all hope that our janitor, Mr. Fleming, who is out on a sick leave, is feeling better.

We are glad to see Doris Simon back after an absence of three weeks due to the illness of her son.

Carlton Tatro, Mary Kinsey and Rose Koscielnia picked the hottest week of the summer for their vacation. We hear they returned reluctantly.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hurley recently spent the two weeks at Lake Shaftsbury. A second honeymoon, Carl?

Norma Pugliese spent last week end in New York City. "What uniforms!", says Norma.

Wedding Bells

By Helen Wager—professor

Great joy was ours upon learning that Annette Roy was to become our first bride, August 19. A series of events closely followed the announcement. She was coached in vital subjects, given an examination by a faculty of fictitious professors and at last, graduated. A long-winded speech followed, accompanied by a beribboned diploma. The curious gathered to applaud. Among the late-comers was Mr. Gassett, who was surprised to learn that a fair likeness of himself had been presented to the graduate. The following day, Annette was forced to wear a veil of a questionable past, a bouquet of nasturtiums was placed in one hand, and an infant resembling a monkey in the other. A few diabolical gifts were presented, which will be duly treasured. As she passed through the main gate, she was pelted with confetti. The next morning, she appeared with a chocolate cake appropriately decorated with a bride and groom. All her friends received a generous slice. This proved she is an accomplished cook as well as a good sport. We hope that she and Russell have many happy years together, but all kidding aside, we are going to miss her.

Too bad everyone can't look as refreshed as Vi Savage when they return from a vacation. The Boston air must agree with her.

Proud Mother: Frances Spagnolo displaying novelty gifts from her thoughtful soldier son.

Gladys Pleshaw's theme song, when the new caps arrived, "I can dream, can't I?"

K.V.A. Terminal Assembly

By Mary and Muriel Roy

Why is it that all the girls run to Vickie, when their machines break down? Is he the riveters' "Pin Up Boy?"

Congratulations to Francis Delisle, whose son was born on August 3.

Muriel Roy is back from Canada, with many tales of her adventures.

We all miss Mrs. Clara Robak, who has left because of illness.

The reason for Mary Roy's sunny smile is that her husband, Roger, is coming home.

Orcids to: Junior Coody. He stayed on his job though badly burned on his right arm. A little girl with a big temper (she forgets easily).

SONGS:

Muriel Roy — "Star Dust"
Mary Roy—"A Fellow on a Furlough"
Lillian Hart—"My Heart Isn't In It"
Alice Bard — "Sleepy Time Gal"
Bill "Cowboy" Mahoney —
"Eleven Miles from Leavenworth"

Thank you note to all Sprague friends for their sympathy at the time of Donald Bowes' bereavement.

Seaside Lane
Old Lyme, Conn.
August 15, 1944

Dear Fred,

I wish you would be so kind as to express my appreciation to the "Boys of Sprague's" for their expressions of sympathy at this particular time.

Sincerely,

Don

Meter Multiplier Room

By Florence Harris

We hear that the Canadian Government is having difficulty keeping a regular routine for the R.C.A.F. Reason? Our regular reporter has invaded. Knowing Cis, we believe that the invasion will be a success, and that she won't meet with much resistance. Hi, boss, we're only jealous.



Peg St. Pierre and Vickie Candiloro at Hampton Beach.

Sample Lab.—Brown Street

By Nat Candiloro

The Sample Dept. wishes to welcome two new members in our department. They are Dora Grant and Eleanor Dudley. We hope you will like it here.

We gained two new members, but we lost one old one. I am sorry to say that Marge Crews has taken a leave of absence. The gang misses you, Marge.

Rita DeMarco went to a dude ranch in New York State on her vacation. I can just imagine the punishment those hobby horses had to undergo for a week.

Alma Finardi, Gladys Markland, and Rita Mulqueen took a bike ride to Sand Springs the other day. What happened girls? Why did Alma have to take a bus home?

Blanche Bourdon recently took her vacation. She spent most of it in New York City, Long Island, and New Jersey. Blanche claims she is still tired from her vacation.

With a sad heart and a heavy hand, I write this paragraph. For, by the time this issue is printed, I will no longer be a *Log* reporter, nor working for Sprague's. I can't express, in just words, how much I am going to miss you gang. You're a swell group to work with. When I'm away at school, I know that I'll often think of a swell bunch of people in a small room at Brown Street, called the Sample Lab. I hope Frank Gregalis can handle the girls. But if I know Frank, he won't have any trouble.

Final Test

A mighty happy gal was Dot Gayda of the Final Test group upon having a visit from her Seaman 1-c Frank Ferrari. Nice looking couple, Dot.

Brown Street Vacations

By C. Barbeau, C. Bombardier, B. Bourdon and R. Johnson

Hazel Accetta spent two weeks' vacation at Hampton Beach—*Mica Stacking*.

Lucy Sinclitico spent a week at Dude Ranch in the Adirondacks—*Mica Stacking*.

Harry Haddad went to Waterbury, Conn.—*Mica*.

Miss Agnes Fleming recently returned from her annual vacation spent at Hampton Beach, N. H. Agnes works in the *Final Test*.

Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Valotta of the Mica Dept. spent the week at Hampton Beach, N. H.

Mr. Edward Fitzpatrick, foreman of the Mica Department, enjoyed his annual vacation this week.

Resistors

Fal Thomas spent a week in New York. We all know you had a swell time.

Pauline Ferrari spent a week on a farm. How do you like farm life, Pauline?

Theresa Pisano, Kay Guyette, Annie Mangano and Mary Matranga spent a week in New York City. A swell time was enjoyed by all.

Emily Mumford just returned after spending a two weeks' vacation at Windsor Pond. Certainly missed you lots, Emily.

Paper Networks

Mrs. Ernst is enjoying her vacation in Ohio.

Lena Bullett had a grand time at Lake Champlain. She says the fishing and swimming were good.

Eva Green had her vacation this past week.

Stan Bagdon and family spent two weeks on the farm.

Mica Preparation

Frances Roy has returned to her work following a vacation in New York and Connecticut. Theresa Vallieres is also vacationing in Connecticut.

Dorothy Royal is back after a pleasant week in Springfield, Mass.

Frances Millard has been enjoying a week's vacation in Fitchburg, Mass. Dorothy Slade spent her vacation at Lake Lauderdale. Grace Whipple of Spark Test is vacationing with her daughter in St. Albans, Vt. Kay Romeo, Olga Campedelli and Laddie Meranti enjoyed a pleasant weekend at Coney Island.

Elizabeth Miller has returned following a vacation at Revere Beach, Lynn Beach and Salem Willows.

Lucille Hall is enjoying a vacation, while her husband is home from Mississippi on furlough.

Mica Preparation Department

By Rita Johnson

Carmella Moresi recently celebrated her birthday, and was presented with gifts and cards by the girls.

Pearl Walker has received word that her son, Clarence, has arrived safely in Panama. Pearl is of Spark Test.

Sadie Champagne and Katherine Varin celebrated their birthdays recently, and were both presented with gifts by their co-workers of the Spark Test.

Paper Networks

By Heath and Sheldon

Sam Dean is looking lots better, since his wife came home from vacation. Eating out of a can isn't so hot. Ask Sam, he knows.

Who is the humming bird of the networks? . . . Mary Girard?

Belle Macksey is on a leave of absence until September.

Mrs. Rand received this letter from her son, who is somewhere in France.

Dear Mother and Dad,

Have been getting mail regularly and have plenty to do, so am very happy. Only one thing worries me. How cold does it get in France in the winter? If it snows as much as it rains, we will have some shoveling to do. They have a drink here they call Cognac. I had a sip the other night. What stuff! It makes your hat hit the ceiling, do a complete turn and land back on your head. The fellows started out from England with a pet crow in a box. Just as we were ready to go, he started crowing, and the C.O. heard him, so had to give him away. I guess we have had every kind of a pet, from a goat to rabbit. Better write on both sides of your paper as it will make the letter lighter and will mean more mail for someone else.

Love to all, your son Bud

Girls, if you are interested in a few lessons on how to can blackberries, get in touch with Bernie Stackpool.

Ask June Cole who Rastus is.



Toots Callahan enjoys Sunset Beach. She's from Western Electric.

Bathtub Can Preparation

By Betty Bogus

Just Supposin':

Marion Roy—had short hair.

Mary Cantoni—took up smoking.

Irene Charron—couldn't make a person laugh.

Jeanette Archambault—could tell a joke that made sense.

Phyllis Shepherd—wasn't so generous.

Stacia Mencywor—was noisy.

Sophie Zwiercan—took a day off.

Mary Scieszka—didn't have red hair.

Anne Downey—didn't have a car.

Elizabeth Strange — wasn't always sleepy.

Irene Boschetti — wasn't always hungry.

Catherine Harrington — ran out of cigarettes.

Betty Bogus—wasn't playful.

Brookie—wasn't always good natured.

Bob Burdick—told a joke.

John Pierce—didn't have to buy the coffee every morning.

Well folks, the above names are all that's left of the Bathtub Can Preparation Department. We hope that we can get together soon.

NOTE: Brown Street editor wishes to thank you all, too, for your cooperation and excellent news items. Sorry to have you leave us. Best of luck.

—Agnes